



Federal Communications Commission
Commission Secretary, Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
445 12th Street S.W.
CY-B402
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Proceeding 03-167

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Competition is the hallmark of a free market system. It breeds innovation and insures consumers enjoy the best possible products, services, and prices.

SBC has asked the Federal Communications Commission for permission to offer long distance service in Indiana. As SBC's request is consistent with the intent of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and all of SBC's competitors now offer long distance service in our state, we respectfully ask you to allow SBC to enter the long distance market in Indiana.

Sincerely,

Matt Meadors
President / CEO
Metropolitan Evansville Chamber of Commerce